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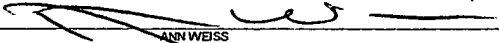
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lin et al.  
Serial No. 09/374,142  
Filed: August 11, 1999  
For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING OR TREATING IRRITABLE  
BOWEL SYNDROME AND OTHER DISORDERS CAUSED  
BY SMALL INTESTINAL BACTERIAL OVERGROWTH  
Examiner: Roark, J.  
Unit: 1644

**LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED ON <b>June 21, 2001</b> WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231.	
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Applicant herewith corrects an inadvertent misstatement in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which Applicant mailed on June 20, 2001. To wit, the filing of the Supplemental Disclosure Statement actually was not accompanied by "a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 together with the requisite fee under § 1.17(e)." Applicant's attorney regrets the inclusion of the erroneous statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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